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Sir:   Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: N. IWAMI et al (see attached)

For:
## STORAGE SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

[X]   __19__   Sheets of Drawings

[X]   This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.

[X]   Priority is claimed from __Japanese__   Application No. __2003-206168__   (which is hereby
filed __August 6, 2003__ .   [ ] A certified copy is attached herewith. incorporated by
Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and   reference)
[ ] discussed in the specification or   [ ] attached Information Disclosure Statement.

[ ]   Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.

[X]   Specification: Abstract __X__ , Description __84__ pages; and __18__ claim(s).

[ ]   Preliminary Amendment.

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